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## St. Joseph Public Library's Mission, Vision & Values:

### Mission

The St. Joseph Public Library will enrich our community by providing diverse resources and services to support and fulfill the life-long informational and recreational needs of our patrons.

### Vision

The St. Joseph Public Library's vision is to foster a united, engaged, and informed community where all generations connect, discover, and create.

### Values

The St. Joseph Public Library values:

**ACCOUNTABILITY.** We are dedicated to delivering on our commitments and for the stewardship of our taxpayer dollars.

**EXCELLENCE.** We are courteous professionals who strive to create extraordinary experiences for our community.

**EQUALITY.** We are free and open to all people and ideas. We treat everyone with respect and compassion.

**INNOVATION.** We are always learning. We are constantly exploring new ways of doing things better and doing better things.

**PASSION.** We love the library, we love St. Joseph, and we love what we do.

**TEAMWORK.** We build connections and celebrate the diversity of our experiences.

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All programs subject to change due to weather, lack of sign-up, etc. Check the online calendar for the most up-to-date information. Attendance at St. Joseph Public Library programs, events or public spaces constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for SJPL. If you do not want us to use a photo of you or your child, please tell the library staff member coordinating the event PRIOR to the program.



## A Message from Your Library

As I am writing this three of our four library branches have reopened to the public and the fourth will soon do the same. I am so happy to be open again and it means that new COVID-19 case numbers are low in Buchanan County, so that is also cause for celebration.

Things have been difficult for all of us over the last year and I often have to force myself to think of something positive instead of focusing on what's difficult. I am so blessed to work with smart, innovative, and kind people who help me return to a positive frame of mind time and time again. There isn't room to do a shout out here to everyone who deserves it, but I would like to thank a few of the library staff who have done so much to keep our services available throughout the pandemic.

Crystal Stuck is our Community Services and Promotions Coordinator. She designed and creates this newsletter. Crystal coordinates our social media accounts and keeps our Facebook page updated with posts about what's happening at the library. Crystal also works closely with the Friends of the Library, and because our regular book sales haven't been able to happen, she hosted patio book sales at the East Hills Library and created a new online book store for the Friends. Her job is so varied and she handles all of its aspects with ingenuity and skill.

I am in awe of our staff who regularly provide programming. It has been almost a year since we moved to virtual programs and take-and-make kits and the librarians who made the switch made it look easy. Jess Gould, Elizabeth Murray, Misty Snider, Bethany Barton, Sarah Schreimann, Josh Swindler, Evelyn Holtzclaw, Kelsey Weber, Jenny Ellis, Jen Wildhagen, Jennifer Sanders-Tutt, Chelsea Phipps, and Mark Zvolanek inform, entertain, and educate with their programs and kits.

When we are providing contactless service only it means people don't get the chance to browse the library shelves, so librarians became even more skillful at helping folks pick out books to read and movies to watch. This is a shout out to all of our front line staff who might not have felt very confident in the past when people needed help finding materials to check out. And now? No worries, they've got it down to a science and will keep you in the books and movies you want and need whether you are visiting us in person or still using our contactless service.

That's us. The library. We are here for you whether we are face-to-face, meeting virtually, or you are viewing one of our programs on your own schedule.

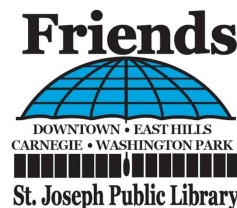
Stay well,

Mary Beth Revels

## Friends of the Library Book Sales

Do you miss buying books from the Friends of the Library? Here are some upcoming opportunities to purchase some of your favorites.

- Now that the libraries are open, visit the lobby of the East Hills Library. There you will find fiction, including romance and mysteries, as well as some non-fiction for sale.
- Beginning in April, there will be outdoor book sales on the patio of the East Hills Library. Dates and times to be determined. Check the library's online calendar and social media pages to find out more.
- The Friends now have an online bookstore. Browse and pay on the site, with local pickup at the East Hills Library. New content added weekly. The store can be found at <https://friends-sjpl.square.site/>



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# Book-A-Librarian

If you miss one-on-one time with us, here is your chance to have a visit with your favorite library friends through Book-A-Librarian!

Ms. Jess from the East Hills Library and Ms. Misty from the Downtown Library hosts one-on-one Zoom visits upon request with local library families.

During your personalized session, children can read to their librarian, hear a story, talk about new and exciting things, introduce their pets-- whatever boost YOUR family could use during these unprecedented times.

Once we receive your family's registration request, we will call you to set up an appointment and discuss the details.

Use the form on our library web calendar to Book-A-Librarian today. The web calendar can be found at [sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar](https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar)



## Virtual SJPL Reads! Storytime

Virtual SJPL Reads with a friendly Youth Services Librarian! Check out the library's Facebook page every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. to explore different stories and activities for all ages to enjoy.

Check out past episodes on our YouTube channel.

Tuesdays on Facebook

10 a.m.

## Virtual Storytime with Ms. Misty and Friends - R

Join Ms. Misty and friends for a Live Zoom Storytime every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Please register to receive the Zoom link and get ready to sing, dance, read, and have so much fun!

Thursdays March 4 - April 8 via Zoom

10:30 a.m.

## SJPL Sprouts with Will Stuck

Grow lifelong readers with SJPL Sprouts! Each week, Mr. Will Stuck, Edu-tainer and Storyteller, introduces pre-reading skills, activities, and fun books for children and caregivers.

SJPL Sprouts is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Fridays on Facebook

10 a.m.



## Children & Parents

### Time for Spring Take & Make Kit

As we spring forward for Daylight Savings Time, kids can practice their clock skills with a CD clock craft. Then get ready for the first day of spring with a

"my pet butterfly" craft. Also, get outside on a nice day for some bubble fun!

One kit per child while supplies last. Pick one up at your preferred branch (make sure to call ahead to check availability). May not be suitable for children under 3.

*Kit available for pickup*

Monday, March 1



## Children & Parents

## Virtual Mythology Fan Club for Kids - R

### Gardens Take & Make Kit

Get out and Garden! Learn about our Seed Library and get your very own seed starting kit in this month's take and make. Also have fun with a garden craft.

One kit per child while supplies last. Pick one up at your preferred branch (make sure to call ahead to check availability). May not be suitable for children under 3.

*Kit available for pickup*

Thursday, April 1

### Wacky Wednesday Take & Make

Each week a new kit will be available featuring fun crafts that may be wacky for the time of year. Call Carnegie at 816-238-0526 to check on availability.

Supplies are limited. Not recommended for children under 3.

### Carnegie Library

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Maker Monday & STEAM Make & Take: There's a CRAFTER Among Us - R

There's a CRAFTER Among Us!

The Librarians behind 'Maker Monday' and 'STEAM Take & Make' are teaming up because we believe there is a CRAFTER Among Us! Help us prove this is true, by picking up your very own Among Us Crewmate felt keychain sewing kit. Don't be sus!

All supplies and instructions are included, as well as a how-to video, which will be posted to our YouTube channel the first day the kit is available. Register to reserve your kit; one per child while supplies last.

Best for ages 8 and up. NOT suitable for young children due to the sewing needle included in the kit.

*Kit available for pickup*  
Monday, March 8

Are you a mythology fan? Do you enjoy stories about fantastic creatures and Percy Jackson? Then join our Virtual Mythology Fan Club!

In this series, kids will explore classic myths from different cultures with an accompanying activity. Registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting.

This club is intended for ages 10-14.

### Via Zoom

*Norse Mythology*

Wednesday, March 24 4 p.m.

*Indigenous North American Myths*

Wednesday, April 28 4 p.m.

### Maker Monday & STEAM Make & Take: Code Breaker Scavenger Hunt - R

The librarians behind "Steam Take and Make" and "Maker Monday" are teaming up again to offer a community wide Code Breaker Scavenger Hunt!

The kit will include the items you need to break the codes and solve the clues that will lead you to various locations around town. Once you have solved them all, fill out the form with your solutions to be entered into a Grand Prize drawing valued at \$50.00.

Must submit answers by 5 p.m. on April 20.

Register here to reserve your kit, one per family, while supplies last.

*Kit available for pickup*  
Saturday, April 10

## Read Across America Day on Tuesday, March 2



Ready, Set, READ!

The National Education Association's Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. Make time today (and everyday!) to read a book with a child. Pick up a Dr. Seuss Birthday Play Pack (one per child) through March 6 at your preferred branch.



## Children Teens

### Virtual Minecraft Meetup - R

A 1.5 hour Minecraft playing session using the Bedrock edition (this is the version that Windows 10, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS all use). We also connect via Zoom to make communication during the game easier.

**Thursday, March 4 @ 3:30 p.m. -**

Parkour Challenge: We'll have a few different parkour skill level maps to play.

**Thursday, March 18 @ 3:30 p.m. -**

Escape the Nether: Can you solve the clues to find the portal to escape the Nether?

**Thursday, April 1 @ 3:30 p.m. -** Ocean Monument: Do you have what it takes to take down the Elder Guardians?

**Thursday, April 15 @ 3:30 p.m. -**

Creative Time: We'll spend time in Creative Mode.

### Virtual Creative Commons - R

Older elementary children, tweens, and teens are invited to meet up and share your poetry, writing, art, and other creative creations during our Virtual Creative Commons Zoom meet up.

Each month, we will meet to share our work as a supportive group, talk about fun projects to work on throughout the month, and socialize with other like-minded creative folks.

Space is limited. Open to children and teens ages 9-17.

### Via Zoom

Monday, March 22 & April 26 4 p.m.



## Teens

### Teen Take & Make: Pokeball Terrarium - R

Pick up everything you need to make your very own Pokeball! This kit will have all the supplies to create a terrarium habitat and a surprise Pokemon figurine.

Supplies are limited, and registration is required.

*Kit available for pickup:*  
Wednesday, March 10

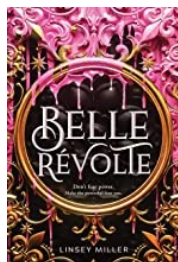
### Virtual Teen Book Club

The Virtual Teen Book Club will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4 p.m. to discuss books. Seats are limited and registration is required. Books will be provided and are available for pick up on the first of the month. To get your copy of this month's book, email Josh at [jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us).

Thursday, March 11 & 25:

*Belle Revolte* by Linsey Miller

This fantasy novel about two teen women who swap lives and societal roles explores topics like societal expectations, LGBTQ+ representation and political rebellion.



Thursday, April 8 & 22:

*If I Ever Get Out of Here* by Eric Gansworth

This book tells the story of Lewis "Shoe" Blake as he grows up on a reservation in 1975. It explores topics like racism, poverty, and indigenous rights.



### First Chapter Friday

In a reading slump? Let Kelsey fix that for you! Check out the library's YouTube channel for First Chapter Friday! Videos

feature Kelsey reading the first chapter of a recently released Young Adult book to help you discover your next read.

**Video ready to view on YouTube on:**

Friday, March 12 & April 9

### Teen Take & Make: Pokemon Origami Bookmarks - R

Gotta catch 'em all! Reserve a kit from your preferred library to create Pokemon origami bookmarks. Supplies are limited & registration is required.

*Kit available for pickup:*  
Wednesday, March 24

### Teen Take & Make: DIY Scrunchie- R

Pick up everything you need to hand sew your own scrunchie.

Supplies are limited, so register to ensure you get a kit.

*Kit available for pickup:*  
Wednesday, April 14

### Teen Take & Make: Watermelon Squishy - R

Make your own watermelon squishy.

Supplies are limited & registration is required.

*Kit available for pickup:*  
Wednesday, April 28

## Teens Adults

### Virtual Adventurer's League - R

Have you been wanting to play Dungeons and Dragons, but you don't know anyone who plays? Are you interested in playing, but can't commit an evening every week? Do you want to run a DnD session where all the hard work is already done and you just get to show up for the fun parts? Then join our Adventurer's League!

Adventurer's League will be a recurring event hosted online by the library.

Players can pop in for just one session or attend as many as they like. All you need to play is a DnD character created using the official Adventurer's League basic rules found at <https://dnd.wizards.com/articles/features/basicrules>.

If you have any questions or are interested in being an Adventurer's League game master, email Josh at [jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:jswindler@sjpl.lib.mo.us). Registration is required for this event and is on a first come first serve basis. The number of available seats is dependent on the number of available game masters and will be divided up on the day of the event.

Saturday, March 20 & April 17 1 p.m.



### Mark's Movie Madness!

Mark's Movie Madness is a video series created by Mark Zvolanek, East Hills Library staff member. With a bit of help from his coworkers with filming and costumes, Mark creates the music, script and editing for an entertaining look at some of his favorite movies.

Mark loved making popcorn for the Friends Tuesday Night Film Series, but after his movie program was taken away from him due to COVID restrictions, he has slipped into absolute movie madness!

You need to tune in every month for his irreverent quests for the best movies the library has to offer, and to make sure he's doing ok. All featured movies are available for checkout by contacting your preferred library location.

Find episodes of Mark's Movie Madness on the library's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjosephpubliclibrary](https://youtube.com/stjosephpubliclibrary) or on the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

## Adults

### Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Macrame Plant Holders

Think macramé is far too complicated to learn? Actually, it's really an easy craft with beautiful and useful results!

**Video ready to view on YouTube on:**

Monday, March 8

### Virtual History Speaks - To Be Announced

2021 marks the 200th anniversary of Missouri's Struggle for Statehood. Join us for History Speaks as we celebrate the Missouri Bicentennial.

**Video ready to view on YouTube on:**

Saturday, March 6 2 p.m.

*Early Women Doctors of Buchanan County* presented by Jennifer Sanders-Tutt

Saturday, April 3 2 p.m.

*History of Robidoux Row* presented by Executive Director Daniel Johnson

### Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Easy Spring Wreath

Using an embroidery hoop, yarn, ribbon and fake flowers, Misty will demonstrate how to make a beautiful wreath that will help you welcome spring.

**Video ready to view on YouTube on:**

Monday, April 12

## Adult Book Clubs

### Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Discussion - R

Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, hosts the virtual cozy mystery book club Murder, She Read. The author or a guest speaker will join the discussion halfway through the meeting. Register to receive Zoom link.

Wednesday, March 31 7 p.m.

*Murder in Galway* by Carlene O'Connor

Wednesday, April 28 7 p.m.

*Mrs. Morris and the Ghost* by Traci Wilton

### Virtual Forever Young Adult Book Club - R

Book Club sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Hosted by Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis. Zoom link will be sent on the day of the event to anyone registered. Forever Young Adult is a 21+ book group for adults who read teen fiction.

Saturday, March 13 4 p.m.

*Five Total Strangers* by Natalie D. Richards

Saturday, April 10 4 p.m.

*All This Time* by Rachael Lippincott & Mikki Daughtry

### Virtual Bookish Time with Jenny

Carnegie librarian, Jenny Ellis, discusses some of her favorite books on the library's YouTube channel and Instagram.

Friday, March 19 10 a.m.

Friday, April 9 10 a.m.

### Virtual Friends Book Club Downtown - R

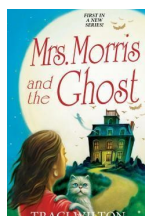
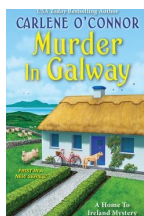
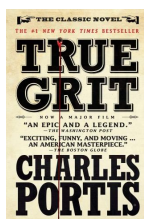
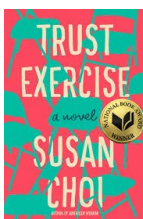
Do you love reading? Do you enjoy talking about what you're reading? You should join us for our Friends Book Club Downtown. To request an invitation to the Zoom chat, email Misty at [msnyder@simplib.mo.us](mailto:msnyder@simplib.mo.us)

Monday, March 22 7 p.m.

*Trust Exercise* by Susan Choi

Monday, April 26 7 p.m.

*True Grit* by Charles Portis



## All Ages

### Virtual Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along - R

Join other uke-lovin' folks for a monthly Zoom meet up. Beginners are welcome, but the session is intended for uke players with a basic understanding of chords and strumming.

Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Limited to 10 users.

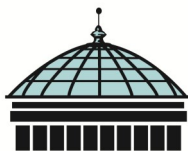
Mondays, March 1 & April 5 6 p.m.

## National Library Week:

April 4 - 10



The theme for National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021), "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use our services. During the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding our resources and continuing to meet the needs of our users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.



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## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

### Carnegie Library | 816-238-0526

316 Massachusetts St.

**Open and Contactless Pickup Hours:**

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Downtown Library | 816-232-7729

927 Felix St.

**Open and Contactless Pickup Hours:**

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tues. & Thur. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### East Hills Library | 816-236-2136

502 N. Woodbine Road

**Open and Contactless Pickup Hours:**

Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Washington Park Library | 816-232-2052

1821 N. 3rd St.

**Open and Contactless Pickup Hours:**

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tues. & Thur. 12 - 8 p.m.

**For full program descriptions or to register, please visit the library's event calendar at [sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar](http://sjpl.lib.mo.us/calendar).**

**Several programs in this newsletter require registration and use of the Zoom platform.**

**For programs that do not require registration, programs can be found on the library's Facebook page and YouTube Channel.**



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